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Part B for Feb 32

SUBJECT.

Petition from Whitefield settlers praying that their Settlement may be excluded from the proposed Village Panchayat.

Recorded

Serial No.

From mrs G. a Cohan and others settlers of White-field. Petition dated 3rd Decr 1929. pray that their objections to the introduction of V.P System into the Settlement of White-field maybe favourably Considered.

orders of the Dewan on the petition Gene. Secy. "For favouring me with a short note on the Representation"!

The petitioners state that:-

(1) they were given to understand by the president of the Mysore and Coorg Assn. at a meeting held on the 25th Nov 29. that all objections to the Panchayet would be ignored.

(2) At a Subsequent meeting held on the 28th Nov at which the D.C of Bangalore Dist was present, the impression made on them was that the introduction of the Panchayet was Compulsory and would be Wrist on them.

(3) The introduction of the Panchayet as at present proposed will jeopardise their Claims to the lottery fund. and will result in inflicting acute hardship on Some of them.

(4) The Anglo-Indian and domiciled European Association does not

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represent the general body of settlers and

(5) the placing of the position of the village site and the administration of the Settlement ~~into~~ the hands of the Trustees of the Lottery fund will be beneficial to them.

2) The village site was given to the Anglo-Indian Association of Mysore and Coorg. As the Assn. succeeded in accomplishing the object of the grant, viz. the formation of an Agrl. Settlement of Eurasians & Anglo-Indians, the Govt. on 18-3-24 confirmed the grant of the site to the Association, vide Para 4 of G.O. No 4631-4/LR 4 51-17-32 dated 18-3-1924. "F"

3) The Association was ~~liquidated~~ wound up in 1927 and in place of it a new Association with its Regd office at White Field was registered under the Mysore Companies Regulation in July 1927. In 1928 the President of the new Association requested the recognition of the Association and the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and the Revenue Comm. were consulted in the matter. The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies considered that, if the right over the village site should continue to vest in the Assn, it was necessary to recognise the new Assn. The Revenue Comm. stated that the Deputy Comm had reported that the

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President of the Assn. and the Settlers of the White Field Colony generally agreed to the Constitution of the Village into a Village Panchayet and that the new Association might be recognised in place of the old one and that the Village site might vest in the Panchayet to be formed.

4) In these circumstances the Rev. Comm. was requested on 18.7.29 to ask the Deputy Comm. to take necessary action under Section 4(1) of the Mysore Village Panchayet Regulation, after formal approval by the Association.

5) The Secretary and Chairman of the Association in a letter of 12.10.29 suggested to Govt. that the interest of all parties concerned with the Settlement would be best served by the Trustees of the Lottery fund being put in possession of the Village site by order of Government in Succession to the liquidated Association. This letter was sent on 18.11.29 to the Revenue Comm. for early necessary action.

6) All the references in this Connection have been dealt with [illegible] notes on the heads referred to in the draft Address proposed to be presented to the Dewan by the Association.

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* (Copies filed up).

14/12/29 (7) Papers may please be called for from the Chief Secretary's office. Forwards.

(8) Yes, please

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CHIEF SECRETARY, 16 DEC. 1929

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	(a) Draft submitted for approval HS 17.12.29. W JM 19/12
6	To, The Revenue Commr No. L 4845 d 27.12.29 Forwards the petitions for report
	SEC'N & REV. SECTT Secretariat 30/12 L. S. & B. BRANCH
7	Letter No C2410/29-30 dated 21-3-1930 from the Revenue Commr in Mysore forwarding the report called for on the petitions of the Settlers of White field Colony objecting to the introduction of the village Panchayet Regn into the Colony. (a) This reports that in the meeting held by the D.C. B'lore on 5th the majority of the Settlers of White field Colony were in favour of Constituting a group Panchayet Comprised of both Indian & Anglo Indian and action is being taken accordingly by the D.C for Constituting a group panchayet for Nallenhalli & Hagadur and the petitions do not require any further Consideration: The R. reports also that it is difficult to Constitute only the localities in which the Anglo. Indian

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Settlers reside into an independent panchayet.

(4) Submitted for orders with refce to para 3 supra.

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(12) Please put up the Dewan's minute on this question

CHIEF SECRETARY. 3 APR. 1930

The Dewan's minute dated 3.4.30 on the question of the Constitution of a village panchayet for White Field Colony is submitted as directed (vide flag "y").

3.4.30.

The proposals [illegible] from the Revenue Commr according to the Dewan's instructions may perhaps be awaited. He will be reminded if a reply is not received within a month.

Jm Lees) 5/4

Please see the Dewan's minute recorded yesterday & call for proposals from the R.C.

11/4/30

MR S S) 12/4/30

Action has been taken separately in the file noted

12/4/30. Message will be issued now if approved, as ordered

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constituting the area into a separate village, and empowering the Village Panchayat to elect its own chairman have been passed in G.O. No. 59-39 Rev. dt. 27-4-31 and G.O. 1887 MS. dt. 25-3-31 dt. 9.9.31 respectively.

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ROUTINE NOTES.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

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Petition dy 27.11.29
from 2nd H.H. Park
addressed to H.H.
praying that the
undefined settlement
may be excluded
from the new Panchayat
proposed to be
constituted.

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of the Settlement in
the Panchayat to
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on the door question
Please see note in the linked
file also V.P. 20-24 D. 3173
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Pet. No. 974

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 6 : 12 : 1929.

GEN. & REV. SECTT. 3117 10 DEC. 1929

The accompanying petition addressed to the Dewan is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to Government,

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CHIEF SEC'T 9 DEC. 1929

Mrs R. R

By Order,

Private Secretary to the Dewan.

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN
OF MYSORE.
Date of Receipt 6.12.29
Letn. Regr. No. 974

Evaline Cottage
Whitefield
27th November 1929

To,

Amin-ul-Mulk Mirza M. Ismail, Esq O.B.E., C.I.E.
Dewan Sahib of Mysore
H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore's Govt.

Sir,

I beg most respectfully to lay before you for your kind and sympathetic consideration this representation of the hardship and distress which will be entailed on me, a settler of thirty-five years standing, as well as more than a dozen others, more or less similarly circumstanced as myself by the contemplated introduction of a Panchayet into the settlement of Whitefield.

I beg to state that in order to put my case fully before you it is necessary that I should point out among other facts that in 1927 the liquidation of the late A.I and D.E. Association, Mysore and Coorg (Ld.) took place, and that in this Association had been vested the possession of the Village Site of Whitefield and the control of the Settlement for the express benefit of the poorer members of the community under the special treatment accorded the A.I. community by the benign and sympathetic Government of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore as set forth in G.O. No 739-40-28 dated 27th April 1882 and G.O No R4631-4 L.R. 451-17-32 dated 18th March 1924.

On the liquidation of the Mysore and Coorg Association its possession of the Village Site and its control of the Settlement lapsed

and it has transpired that such possession and control has not been transferred to a successor by any order of Government.

Shortly after the liquidation of the Mysore and Coorg Association in Bangalore an Association under a similar designation was formed in Whitefield and professed to be the successor to the late defunct Association in regard to its operations on behalf of the 'community at large' in Mysore.

A notice was issued on the 24th instant by the President of this new Association inviting all settlers to meet the Amildar on the 26th instant who was visiting Whitefield in connection with the formation of a Village Panchayet. This was the first intimation we received of any move having been made in this direction. During the course of the meeting it became apparent that measures had already been afoot for the formation of a panchayet without any previous intimation having been given to that effect by the Committee of the new Association to the general body of settlers, nor were their views and wishes on the matter consulted. Some of these have been settled in Whitefield from eighteen to forty-five years.

I beg to bring to your kind notice that the introduction of a panchayet will cause me in slight degree of financial and mental distress from my inability to meet the demands that will be made upon me. In view of the fact that members of the community were invited under promise of special treatment to settle in Whitefield,

with the express understanding of freedom from taxation I with others was induced to settle here.

After enjoying the benefits of special treatment which benefits the generosity and benignity of a sympathetic Government by a free gift of land enabled the late Mysore and Coorg Association to afford the members of the community we are now faced with the hardship of taxation, the specific promise of freedom from which was one of the chief inducements to lead us to settle here.

In view of the above circumstances I earnestly beg that you will be graciously pleased to cancel the introduction of a Panchayet, the creation of which will entail unexpected hardship, at this stage of our lives on us who have been resident here for many years.

I beg to state that having addressed this to you, I have in order to save you time and trouble asked others not to further address you individually or jointly.

In conclusion, Sir, I once again beg that you will be pleased to give this representation your kind and favourable consideration in view of the reasons I have made bold to advance.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
W.H.M. Peck

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....3173.....

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To

The Revenue Commr
in Mysore

Date of issue.....27/12/29.....

Sir,

Signed by.....

I am directed to forward herewith four recently copies of a report in favour of two petitions in original ~~to be obliged to be returned~~ from Mrs F. A. Cohan and other settlers of White field praying that their objections to the introduction of the V. P. System into the Settlement of White field may be

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For & this Secy to Govt

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No. L. 6873

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Revenue Commr

in Mysore

Date of issue 27-3-1930

Dear Sir,

Signed by Sur T. K. S Iyer

I am desired to invite reference to this office letter No. L4845/VP20-29-6 dt 24.12.29 forwarding for report the petitions received from the Settlers of White field Colony in Bangalore ~~re mis-construction~~ Taluk. enclosing introduction of the Mileage Panchayat System into the Settlement of White field Colony and to request that information as to the action taken in the matter

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Yours Sincerely

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No. 2410/29-30.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,

Dated, Bangalore, 27th March 1930.

FROM

Revenue Commissioner in Mysore

Immediate

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

CHIEF SECRETARY
28 MAR 1930

VP 20-29-7

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.L.4845/V.P. 20-29-6 dated 27th December 1929 calling for a report on the objection petitions received from Mrs. J.A. Gohan and other settlers of Whitefield re the introduction of Village Panchayet System into the settlement of Whitefield, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of letters Nos.J.2-(a) 613/29-30 dated 19th February 1930 and 22nd March 1930, from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District for information of Government.

2. It will be seen therefrom that the settlement comprises of lands belonging to three villages of Bangalore faluk viz., Hagadur, Immadihalli which is a hamlet of Hagadur and Jodi Pattandur. A group Panchayet had been constituted at first for Hagadur and its adjoining Village Nallurahalli and subsequently Hagadur village was separated and constituted into an independent Panchayet in July 1929. No control is stated to have been exercised by the Panchayet over the portion of the village formin., "Whitefield Settlement", on account of opposition of the settlers. With a view to overcome this opposition by explaining the benefits of the scheme etc., a meeting is stated to have been convened in February last by the Deputy Commissioner and in that meeting in which the settlers are stated to have been well represented, the settlers by a overwhelming majority were in favour of constituting a mixed group Panchayet for Nallurahalli and Hagadur comprised of both Indians and Anglo-Indians. The Deputy Commissioner states that he is taking action in this behalf and that

the objection petitions of Mrs. Gohan and others do not require further consideration.

3. It does not seem to me to be right on principle to allow any community to demand a right to exclude others from the Village Panchayet when they are eligible under the rules. It is difficult to constitute only the localities in which the Anglo-Indians Settlers reside into an independent Panchayet. This is a matter in which I feel that these communities should recognize the identity of their interests with other communities in the midst of whom they live and put themselves at the head of others, as they can do on account of their education and status instead of seeking to exclude the others.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

BR.

Letter No.J.2-(a) 613/29-30 dated the 19th February 1930 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

With reference to your Memo No.J.2410/29-30 dated 6/7th January 1930 calling for a report on the objection petition of Mrs.J.A. Cohan and others in the matter of the introduction of the Village Panchayet Regulation into Whitefield, Bangalore Taluk, I have the honour to state that the Whitefield Settlement has been established in strips of land of Hagadur, Immadihalli (hamlet of Hagadur) and Jodi Pattandur villages of Bangalore Taluk. In order to consult the views of the settlers about the constitution of Panchayet, the Amildar held a Public Meeting of settlers on the 20th November 1929 when it was resolved that a Group Panchayet called "Whitefield Group Panchayet" should be constituted comprising the houses and properties of the settlers as well as other villagers within the territorial jurisdiction of the villages of Hagadur (with its hamlet Immadihalli)and Nallurahalli. As regards the houses of settlers within the limits of Pattandur village, it was ascertained by the Amildar that there were 12 houses within its limits and their inclusion to the above Group Panchayet was opposed to rules as Pattandur was a Jodi village. The settlers were also reported to be not keen about the inclusion of these houses within the"Whitefield Group Panchayet".

The objections now preferred are in respect of the above decision. The petitioners' contentions are:--

(1) That the introduction of the Panchayet will affect their economic position adversely by levying taxes as many of the Anglo-Indian Settlers are poor and not in a position to pay any tax;

(2) that the Government granted free gift of land to the late Mysore and Coorg Association, who induced the present settlers to settle at Whitefield under the promise of special treatment with the express understanding of freedom from taxation, and

(3) that the administration of the settlement

the Mysore and Coorg Association till it was liquidated and that in order to redeem the pledges and promises which induced the

(3) Anglo-Indians to settle in Whitefield, the administration is about to be placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Lottery Fund and that at this juncture the introduction of Panchayet would cause hardship to them.

In connection with this, I convened a meeting of settlers on the 4th instant in Whitefield and the marginally noted gentlemen who are connected with the administration of the settlement were also requested to be present. The meeting was well represented by the settlers. I explained to them at the outset the scope and usefulness of the Panchayet and how the outstanding questions such as water-supply, sanitation etc., could be easily solved. With regard to the objections of Mrs. J.A.Gohan and Mr. N.H.M. Peck, (the present petitioners), I explained that the area comprising Whitefield could not be excluded from the operation of the Village Panchayet Regulation, that freedom of taxation referred to in their petitions was applicable only in respect of assessment on land occupied by them and that even the agriculturists who were exempted from paying Mohatarfa were liable to pay house-tax under the Panchayet Regulation and that in view of the fact that the Panchayet had been given full freedom in the matter of fixing the assessment on houses etc., they might take into consideration the local circumstances and levy such assessment as they would find reasonable and equitable. One of the settlers suggested that a Panchayet exclusively for

1. Rev. Stevens, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Whitefield Settlement, All Saints' Church, Hosur Road, Bangalore Cantonment.
2. J. Harison, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the Whitefield Settlement, Langford Road, Bangalore Cantonment.
3. White, Esq., Retired Assistant Commissioner, Alexandra Setreet, Richmond Shed, Bangalore Cantonment.
4. Mohony, Esq., Retired Engineer Contractor, Langford Road, Bangalore Cantonment.
5. Major R.W. Simpson, Esq., C.B.V.C., Superintendent, Veterinary Department, Lal Bagh Road, Bangalore City.

for themselves, i.e., for Anglo-Indians purely and for the areas under their occupation might be constituted. It was pointed out to him that this involved a bifuctation of villages which was not contemplated in the Regulation and that under the Regulation, this entire revenue village has to be taken as a unit. Some of the settlers stated that the introduction of the Panchayet might come in the way of utilizing the Lottery Fund for the benefit of settlers. On this point, I assured them that the administration of the Lottery Fund had nothing to do with the Panchayet and the amount solely meant for the benefit of the settlers might be utilized in the best manner possible for the improvement of the settlement. The result of the meeting was that an overwhelming majority of the settlers were in favour of constituting a mixed Group Panchayet composed of Nallurahalli and Hagadur comprised of both Indians and Anglo-Indians as proposed by the Amildar. I am taking action separately in this matter.

In view of the above, the objections put forth do not require further consideration.

" C o p y "

Yeccarasccja Rau
For Revenue Commissioner.

BR.

Letter No.C.2-(a) 613/29-30 dated 22nd March 1930, from the Deputy Commissi ner, Bangalore District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

With reference to your docket No.C.2410/29 dated 13/15th March 1930 re the introduction of Village Panchayet Regulation into Whitefield Settlement, I have the honour to state that a Group Panchayet for Hagadur and Nallurahalli was in existence prior to July 1928. Subsequently a ~~gix~~ single Panchayet was newly constituted in July 1929 for Hagadur village only. Neither the Group Panchayet ~~a~~ of Hagadur and Nallurahalli nor the single Panchayet of Hagadur exercised control over the Whitefield Settlement area and this was probably due to the fact that the settlers protested against the levy of tax. As the exclusion of any area was not contemplated in the Regulation, an attempt was made by the Amildar to reconstitute the Panchayet definitely including the Whitefield settlement area. It is only then there was an agitation from some of the settlers for exempting them from the operation of the Panchayet Regulation. In order to convince the settlers of the futility of their agitation, a meeting was convened in which the settlers agreed for a Group Panchayet with members of both Anglo-Indians and Indians residing within the limits of these two villages.

The enclosures are herewith returned.

" C o p y " .

Yrarasuega Rau

For Revenue Commissioner.

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GEN. & REV. SECTT.
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13 DEC. 1929
L. S. G. BRANCH

DEWAN'S OFFICE,
10. DEC. 1929
No. 482

To,
Amin-ul-Mulk Mirza M. Ismail
O.B.E, C.I.E.
Dewan of Mysore,
H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore's
Government,
Bangalore.

Whitefield
3rd December 1929.

Sir,

We the Undersigned beg to approach you with the prayer that you will be pleased to accord us your favourable consideration of the objections we venture to advance briefly against the introduction of the Panchayet system into the Settlement of Whitefield.

It is a matter of great concern to us and others who are at present absent from the Settlement and will affect our economic position adversely if, at this juncture when, there is every prospect of the pledges and promises which induced us to settle here being redeemed by the administration of the Settlement being placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Lottery Fund, there should be a change in the administration of the Settlement by the introduction of a Panchayet.

In this connection we desire to place before you the following :-

(1) that we had no knowledge of any steps being taken for the introduction of a Panchayet into Whitefield previous to a meeting held on the 25th November last called by the President of the Mysore and Coorg Association of Whitefield at which the Amildar of the Bangalore Taluq was present and at which we were given to understand by the President of the Mysore and Coorg Association that all objectors to the Panchayet would be ignored;

(2) that notwithstanding our peculiar position as members of a settlement established on philanthropic lines, at a subsequent meeting held on the 28th November at which the Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District was present the impression was made on us that the introduction of a Panchayet was compulsory and would be thrust upon us;

(3). that the attendance at these meetings, owing to short notice, was not fully representative of the whole body of settlers;

(4) that the introduction of a Panchayet, as at present proposed, will jeopardize all

our claims to the Lottery Fund, and this will result in acute hardship to some of us who have settled here owing to the conditions of the administration of the settlement and its freedom from taxation being suited to their scanty means.

(5) that the Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association of Whitefield does not represent the general body of settlers and to the best of our knowledge no order of Government, (or of the District Court of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore in relation to the Trust Fund,) is in existence appointing the said Association as the Successor to the liquidated Association in relation to the administration of the settlement and the Lottery Fund.

(6) that we hold the firm conviction that with the placing of the possession of the village site and the administration of the settlement into the hands of the Trustees of the Lottery Fund in succession to the liquidated Association, as indicated in para 5 of the Government Order No R 4631-4. L R 451-17-32 dated 17th March 1924 no hardships will be entailed

on us and that the position of those of us who will be grievously affected by the introduction of a Panchayet will be relieved and that the Settlement will enter upon a new era of prosperity and progress.

We therefore pray that you will be kindly pleased to give our prayer your sympathetic attention and to accede to our earnest request.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

M. A. Gahan. (Mr)
J. Mackillop Stirling (Mrs)
C. J. Ross (Mrs.)
I. I. Karney (Miss)
K. M. Vardon (Miss)
A. Rennison Brooks (Mrs)
N. Elliot (Mrs)
R Reed (Mrs)
W. W. Blake
E. Curtis (Mrs)

P.T.O.

J. A. Galeau (Rev)

M. I. Norris (Mrs)

Adimpson.

G. Vardon

Lee Kelly & East

A. Blanchard. (Mrs)

A Short.

A. Archer

Searcy dealer and Agent for Mr. M. H. Wilde

M. Lewis Agent for Mr. J. Lewis.

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Office of the Dewan of Mysore,

NOTE

Camp Nelamangala, Dated 3rd April V. 1930.

GEN 486/30
5 APR. 1930
L. S. G. BRANCH

Chief Secretary:

DEWAN'S OFFICE
4 - APR. 1930
No. 756

I visited Whitefield this morning and met the members of the Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association, the settlers and the Trustees of the Lottery Fund. The former Association presented me with an address (copy enclosed) containing some requests the most important of which related to the future revenue administration of the Settlement, while maintaining its character as an Eurasian and Anglo-Indian Settlement under the terms of the original grant. The Association wished to be recognised as the legal successor of the Anglo-Indian Association of Mysore and Coorg which went into voluntary liquidation, as they had spent a considerable sum of money in the way of improving the value of the village sites by building churches, schools, cemetry and other places of communal usefulness.

There is some money in the Lottery Fund collected for the benefit of the Settlement, which is neither under the control of the Association nor of the settlers. The Trustees of this Fund had no objection to transfer the amount to a corporate body legally recognised by Government as exercising control over the administration of the Settlement and en-

joying the same powers, privileges, rights, and responsibilities as the old Association.

There was a free and frank exchange of opinion on this matter between the settlers, the members of the Association and the Revenue authorities and by a composition of the prevailing differences, a settlement was finally arrived that the colony might be brought under the local self-government scheme by the constitution of a Village Panchayet for the Whitefield area and the administration of the Settlement vested in its control. The Trustees of the Lottery Fund had also no objection to the transfer of the money in the Fund to the Village Panchayet so formed, irrespective of its personnel, to be used for the permanent improvement of the Settlement.

I shall be glad if a comprehensive order is issued reviewing the position and instructing the Revenue authorities to give effect to the decision reached on the matter within a month.

DEWAN.

To

Sir Amin-ul-Mulk Mirza Mahomed Isi

Kt., O.B.E., C.I.E.,

DEWAN OF

Sir,

ON this the first occasion of your visit to Whitefield, we the Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association of My extend to you a humble but hearty welcome to our Settler to express our very sincere appreciation of the honour you are d presence here today in response to our invitation.

We thank you most warmly for all the consideration y us in the past and your sympathetic attitude towards all our re recognise in this visit of yours a further proof of your kindly affairs and of your sympathy and goodwill towards us.

While thanking you for favours conferred we wou mention the supply of Electric lighting for which alone you wil fully remembered by every member of the Settlement.

We understand that the question of introducing the Pa into the Settlement is now under consideration and while we are i in a position to offer any opinion as to how the Settlement will b we can only hope that it will not alter the distinctive character of as an Anglo-Indian Settlement and prove adverse to the interests

We now desire respectfully to invite your attention t more pressing needs. More than anything else which is needed prosperous Settlement is a good water supply. We understand is now before the Government of H. H. the Maharaja for supp felt want and we feel sure that receiving your approval and supp be sanctioned and become an accomplished fact.

Our next need is a school, and we respectfully solicit y consideration and help to enable us to re-establish a school here of the children of the Settlement. In connection with the ab would humbly beg to draw your attention to a petition already formally recognise this Association as the legal successor of the bo into voluntary liquidation in Bangalore. By according us this r Government of Mysore will remove a legal technical objection an place us in possession of our inheritance, thereby enabling us to c improvements for the benefit of the Settlers at a minimum of taxa

We beg to offer you our hearty congratulations for the ho conferred upon you by the Government of India. Though som expressing our feelings we assure you that they are none the less si feel that this is but a just recognition by the Government of your zeal and devotion to duty.

In conclusion we beg to be allowed to express our unqualifi of the manner in which the Government of the State
and to

Dewan's Reply to the Address presented by the Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association at Whitefield.

3rd April 1930.

GENTLEMEN,—

IN your address you have spoken of your loyalty to His HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA, and of your pride in being his subjects. These phrases of yours are no formality: they are a true expression of the attitude, and the character, of your community. I am well aware of your devotion to His Highness and of your complete and positive loyalty to his Government, and I am thinking not merely of Whitefield but also of Bangalore and the other parts of the State. On behalf of His Highness and the Government, I would make a response of similar sincerity and earnestness. In recent years, it has become imperatively necessary that you should yourselves decide whether you should be strangers within the gates or in the fullest and gladdest sense citizens, and you have deliberately chosen citizenship. This is clear from all you say and do, and we greatly rejoice in it. First, because you are a strength to the country. It is not, I hope, an impertinence to speak of the intelligence, the discipline and the energy of this community. Neither Mysore nor any other part of India can afford to let these qualities rust unused. We seek your keen interest and co-operation in all public affairs.

But it is recognised also that this laying hold upon Indian citizenship and the indentifying of the community with the aspirations and endeavours of the country is far the best policy for the community itself. India's future is well worth sharing, particularly for those who strenuously help in the making of it. Any other policy would mean, and has often meant, frustration and unhappiness. It is true of this community, as of all others, that self-realisation can come only through the freest and most candid intercourse with the rest, and a deliberate policy of finding and emphasising unity rather than differences. This is a policy easy to speak of and very difficult for any one to pursue, because the differences lie on the surface and need no discovering, while the unity is deep within, like every source of power, and can only be understood by good-will, and patience, and real self-sacrificing patriotism. When found, it comforts and inspires the person and the race.

Coming to matters of particular interest to this settlement, I shall be very glad to discuss them with you presently. I hope you will agree that this will be a more satisfactory method of disposing of them than by anything I could say in the course of a speech. I wish to assure you of my warm interest in your welfare, and I shall be happy to do whatever lies in my power to make this a really prosperous settlement.

In conclusion, may I ask you to accept my cordial thanks for the kind words in which you have referred to me and my work?

ತಾವೂ ಸೇರಿದರೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರಜಾವರ್ಗದ ಬಲವು ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ಅಧಿಕವಾದಂತಲ್ಲವೆ? ತಮ್ಮ ಪಂಗಡದವರು ಮೇಧಾವಿಗಳು; ಸುಶಿಕ್ಷಿತರಾದ ಉತ್ಸಾಹಶಾಲಿಗಳು. ಆದಕಾರಣ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದವರೇ ಆಗಲಿ, ಅಥವಾ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ದೇಶದ ಮತ್ತಾವ ಭಾಗದವರೇ ಆಗಲಿ, ತಮ್ಮ ಪಂಗಡದವರಲ್ಲಿ ನೆಲಸಿರುವ ಈ ಸದ್ಗುಣಗಳ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳದೆ ತಪ್ಪುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಥವಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ, ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಅನುಚಿತವೂ ಹೌದು. ಸಮಸ್ತ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಿಚಾರಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ತಮ್ಮ ಆದರೋತ್ಸಾಹಗಳ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವೂ, ತಮ್ಮ ಸಹಾಯವೂ, ನಮಗೆ ಅತ್ಯವಶ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಬೇಕಾಗಿವೆ.

ಭಾರತೀಯ ಜನಾಂಗದ ಆಶೋತ್ತರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೀಗೆ ಭಾಗಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಐಕಮತ್ಯದಿಂದ ವರ್ತಿಸುವುದೇ, ತಮ್ಮ ಪಂಗಡಕ್ಕೂ ಶ್ರೇಯಸ್ಕರವಾದ ಅಂಶವಾಗಿದೆ ತಾವೂ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಜನಾಂಗಕ್ಕೇ ಸೇರಿದವರೆಂದೂ, ಭಾರತೀಯರ ಹಾನಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಳೇ ತಮ್ಮ ಹಾನಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಳೆಂದೂ, ಭಾವಿಸುವುದೇ ತಮ್ಮ ಪಂಗಡದವರ ಸನ್ಮಂಗಳಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧಕವಾದ ಉದಾರಕಲ್ಪ. ಭರತಖಂಡದ ಶುಭೋತ್ಕರ್ಷದ ಸೌಭಾಗ್ಯ ಸಮಯವು ತಪ್ಪದೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದಕಾರಣ, ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗಿಗಳಾಗುವುದು ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಕರ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ, ಅಂತಹ ಸುದಿನವು ಬರುವಂತೆ ಅಧ್ಯವಸಾಯಮಾಡಿ ಶ್ರಮಿಸುವವರಂತು, ಮುಂದಿನ ಮಂಗಳ ದಿನಗಳ ಆನಂದಾಮೃತವನ್ನು ಸವಿಯುವ ಸುಯೋಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗಿಗಳಾಗುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶೇಷತಃ ಫಲವುಂಟು. ಭಾರತವರ್ಷದ ಭಾವಿಸೌಭಾಗ್ಯದ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಭಾಗಿಗಳಾಗದೆ ತಟಸ್ಥರಾಗಿರುವಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸುವುದಾದರೆ. ಅದರಿಂದ ಎಂದಿಗೂ ನತ್ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗದು. ಅನೇಕ ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ಮನೋವೃತ್ತಿಯ ದೆಸೆಯಿಂದ ಉದ್ದೇಶ ಭಂಗವೂ, ಮನೋವ್ಯಥೆಯೂ, ಸಂಘಟಿಸುವುವು. ತಮ್ಮ ಪಂಗಡದವರೇ ಆಗಲಿ, ಇತರ ಯಾವ ಪಂಗಡದವರೇ ಆಗಲಿ. ಇತರರ ಸಂಗಡ ಸಾಹಾರ್ದಭಾವದಿಂದ ಸಮ್ಮಿಳಿತವಾಗಿ ಸೇರಿ, ಭಿನ್ನಭಾವಗಳಿಗೆ ಗಮನ ಕೊಡದೆ, ಐಕಮತ್ಯದ ಕಡೆಗೇ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ತಿರುಗಿಸಿ ತದನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ವರ್ತಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಮಾತ್ರವೇ ಉದ್ದಿಷ್ಟಾರ್ಥವನ್ನು ನೆರವೇರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಸಾಧ್ಯ. ಇದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದೇನೋ ಸುಲಭ. ಆದರೆ ಅದರಂತೆ ಕೆಲಸ ನಡೆಯಿಸುವುದು ಮಾತ್ರ ಬಹು ಕಷ್ಟ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ, ಎಲ್ಲಿನೋಡಿದರೂ ಭಿನ್ನಭಾವಗಳು ಬೇಕಾದಷ್ಟಿವೆ. ಭಿನ್ನಭಾವಗಳು ಸಮುದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಚಾಚಿದರೂ ಸಿಕ್ಕುವ ನೊರೆಯಂತೆ; ಐಕಮತ್ಯ ಭಾವನೆಯು ಸಮುದ್ರ ತಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಿಯೋ ಚಿಪ್ಪಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡಗಿರುವ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯವಾದ ಮುತ್ತಿನಂತೆ. ಭಿನ್ನಭಾವಗಳನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲೆಂದರೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಬಹುದು. ಅದನ್ನು ಕಾಣಲು ಕಷ್ಟಪಡಬೇಕಾದುದೇ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ, ಐಕಮತ್ಯಭಾವನೆಯ ಮಾತು ಹಾಗಲ್ಲ.

ವೈಟ್‌ಫೀಲ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ "ಆಂಗ್ಲೊ ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಅಂಡ್ ಡಾಮಿಸೈಲ್ಡ್ ಯೂರೋಪಿಯನ್ ಅಸೋಸಿಯೇಷನ್" ಎಂಬ ಸಂಘದವರು ಒಪ್ಪಿಸಿದ ಬಿನ್ನವತ್ತಳೆಗೆ ದಿವಾನ್ ಸಾಹೇಬರವರು ಅಪ್ಪಣೆ ಕೊಡಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯುತ್ತರ.

(೧೯೩೦ನೆಯ ಇಸವಿ ಏಪ್ರಿಲ್ ೩೦ನೆಯ ತಾರೀಖು.)

ಮಹಾಶಯರೆ,

ನಮ್ಮನ್ನಾಳುವ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರ ಪ್ರಜಾವರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿರುವುದೇ ತಮಗೊಂದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ತಾವು ಒಪ್ಪಿಸಿದ ಬಿನ್ನವತ್ತಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಮಹಾಪ್ರಭುಗಳವರಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಅನನ್ಯವಾದ ಭಕ್ತಿ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಗಳುಂಟೆಂಬುದಾಗಿಯೂ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇದು ತಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕವಾದ ಮನೋಭಾವನೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ, ತಮ್ಮ ಪಂಗಡದ ನಿಶ್ಚಲವಾದ ಮನೋವೃತ್ತಿಯನ್ನೂ, ರೀತಿ ನೀತಿಗಳನ್ನೂ ಸಹ, ಇದು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವುದು, ಇಲ್ಲಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರವೇ ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ, ಇರತಕ್ಕ ತಮ್ಮ ಪಂಗಡದವರೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಸಾರ್ವತ್ರಿಕವಾಗಿ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವ ಮಾತು. ತಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿಯೂ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರಿಗೂ, ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೂ ಕೂಡ, ಕೇವಲ ಆಂತರವಾದ ಪ್ರೀತಿ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಗಳೇ ಇವೆಯೆಂದು ಅವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಭರವಸೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ತಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಕೇವಲ ಪರಕೀಯರಂತೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರಬೇಕೇ, ಅಥವಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರಜಾವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದವರಂತೆಯೇ ಭಾವಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ದೇಶೋನ್ನತಿಸಾಧನೆಯ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗಿಗಳಾಗಬೇಕೇ — ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಾವೇ ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿ ಒಗೆಹರಿಸಲೇಬೇಕಾದ ಸನ್ನಿವೇಶವು ಈಚಿನ ವರುಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿತು. ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರಜಾವರ್ಗದವರಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿ ಉತ್ಸುಕತೆಯಿಂದ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಲಾಪಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗಿಗಳಾಗುವುದೇ ಶ್ರೇಯಸ್ಕರವೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ತಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನಿಂದ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಿದುದು ಶ್ಲಾಘ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಗಳಿಂದಲೂ, ತಮ್ಮ ಕೆಲಸಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಿಂದಲೂ, ಉಭಯತಾಪಿ ಇದು ಹೃದಯಂಗಮವಾಗಿ ವ್ಯಕ್ತವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ನಮಗೂ ಆನಂದವುಂಟು. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ,

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರಯಾಸಪಡಬೇಕು. ಸೌಹಾರ್ದಭಾವ, ತಾಳ್ಮೆ, ಸ್ವಾರ್ಥತ್ಯಾಗಪೂರಿತವಾಗಿರುವ ಸ್ವದೇಶಾಭಿಮಾನ, ಎಂಬೀ ಸಾಧನತ್ರಯದಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದ ಸಾಧಕ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠರು ಮಾತ್ರವೇ, ಐಕಮತ್ಯದ ಸಾರ ತತ್ತ್ವವನ್ನರಿತು ಅದನ್ನು ಉಪಾಸನೆ ಮಾಡಬಲ್ಲರು. ಐಕಮತ್ಯವೆಂಬ ಅನರ್ಘ್ಯ ಭಂಡಾರವು ದೊರೆತರೆ, ಅದನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸಿದವನಿಗೂ, ಅವನ ಜನಾಂಗಕ್ಕೂ ಅದರಿಂದ ಸುಖಸಂತೋಷಗಳೂ, ಶ್ರೇಯಸ್ಸೂ, ಲಭಿಸುವುವು. ಐಕಮತ್ಯದ ವಜ್ರಕವಚವನ್ನು ಧರಿಸಿದರೆ, ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗೇ ಆಗಲಿ, ಒಟ್ಟು ಜನಾಂಗಕ್ಕೇ ಆಗಲಿ, ಉತ್ಸಾಹವೂ, ಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿಯೂ, ತಪ್ಪದೆ ಲಭಿಸುವುವು.

ತಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ನವತ್ತಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳಿರುವ ನಾನಾ ಸಹಾಯಗಳನ್ನೂ ಕುರಿತು ನಾನು ಈ ಭಾಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಖತಃ ಚರ್ಚೆಮಾಡಿ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥಪಡಿಸೋಣ. ನನ್ನ ಭಾಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿಸಿ ಬಗೆಹರಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ, ಈ ರೀತಿ ಚರ್ಚೆಮಾಡಿ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥಪಡಿಸುವುದೇ ಉತ್ತಮವೆಂದು ನನ್ನ ಮನಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ತೋರುತ್ತದೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವೂ ಇದೇ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿದೆಯೆಂದು ನಂಬಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ಯೋಗಕ್ಷೇಮದಲ್ಲಿ ನನಗೆ ತೀವ್ರಾಸಕ್ತಿಯುಂಟು. ತಮ್ಮ ಈ ಪ್ರಸಾಹತದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಸಾಧಕವಾಗುವಂತೆ ನನ್ನ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಾದುದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಅತ್ಯವಶ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಕೇವಲ ಸಂತೋಷದಿಂದ ನೆರವೇರಿಸಿಕೊಡುವೆನು.

ಮಹಾಶಯರೆ, ನನ್ನ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿಯೂ, ನಾನು ನಡೆಯಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಲಾಪಗಳ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿಯೂ, ತಾವು ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಸವಿನುಡಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನನ ವಂದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸುವೆನು. ತಾವು ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವುದೇ ನನಗೊಂದು ಸಂತೋಷ.

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